



Resolution # HSRA 13-02

Memorandum of Understanding between the California High-Speed Rail Authority and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board

Whereas the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of an intercity high-speed train that links the state's major population centers, including Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area, the Central Valley, Los Angeles, the Inland Empire, Orange County, and San Diego.

Whereas the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (PCJPB) is the governing body for the Caltrain Peninsula Rail Corridor commuter rail transit service between San Francisco, San Jose and Gilroy.

Whereas in April 2012, the Authority adopted a business plan which establishes a policy to develop the high-speed rail system utilizing a blended system approach that will coordinate the development and operation of high-speed trains within the existing Peninsula Rail Corridor commuter rail system.

Whereas as part of the planning process, the Authority and the PCJPB intend to engage as partners in the planning, design and construction of improvements along the Peninsula Rail Corridor to accommodate and serve the respective interests of the two organizations.

Whereas the existing 2004 Memorandum of Understanding and 2009 Agreement and Amendment to the agreement require updating to reflect current policies defined in the 2012 California High-Speed Rail Authority Business Plan, the 2012 Metropolitan Transportation Commission nine-party Memorandum of Understanding and the High-Speed Rail Early Investment Strategy for a Blended System in the Peninsula Corridor.

Whereas the Authority and PCJPB are committed to respecting the interests of communities through which the Blended System will be constructed by encouraging design in a manner that will avoid adverse impacts wherever feasible.

Whereas the early investment strategy will serve to upgrade the existing commuter rail system within the Peninsula Rail Corridor while concurrently preparing for future high-speed trains.

Whereas the Authority wishes to enter into an agreement with the PCJPB to establish a new partnership between the parties for the planning, environmental review, design and ultimate construction of improvements in the Peninsula Rail Corridor that will accommodate and serve both PCJPB commuter rail service and high-speed rail service.

Therefore it is resolved,

1. The Board authorizes the Chief Executive Officer, or his designate, to enter into an agreement with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board to establish a new partnership between the parties for the planning, environmental review, design and ultimate construction of improvements in the Peninsula Rail Corridor that will accommodate and serve both PCJPB commuter rail service and the Authority's high-speed rail service.

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March 18, 2013 Board Meeting

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